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AMEMBASSY BONN

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SUBJ: CLERIDES ASSOCIATE TO VISIT FRG

1. FRG COUNSELOR KURBJUHN TOLD DCM IN STRICT CONFIDENCE MAY 28 THAT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS INVITED LEANDROS ZACHARIADES, A MEMBER OF THE UNIFIED PARTY OF CYPRUS AND A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF GLAFOS CLERIDES, TO MAKE A VISIT TO WEST GERMANY. ZACHARIADES WILL LEAVE CYPRUS ON JUNE 2; IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW LONG HE WILL REMAIN IN GERMANY. HIS VISIT IS CONSIDERED PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

2. IN CONVERSATIONS OVER RECENT WEEKS, KURBJUHN HAS REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO "CLERIDES' WEAKENING POSITION VIS A VIS MAKARIOS." KURBJUHN HAD A LONG CONVERSATION WITH CLERIDES MAY 22 AND CAME AWAY WITH A HEIGHTENED IMPRESSION OF PESSIMISM, EVEN GLOOM, ON CLERIDES' PART. KURBJUHN HAS ALSO ALLUDED TO THE "NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP CLERIDES", WHOM HE SEES AS THE ONLY CYPRIOT LEADER CAPABLE OF NEGOTIATING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND HAS HINTED THAT THE GERMANS WERE CONSIDERING EXTENDING SOME SORT OF SUPPORT.

3. KURBJUHN TOLD DCM THAT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WILL EXPLORE WITH ZACHARIADES WHAT FORM SUPPORT MIGHT TAKE. ALTHOUGH KURBJUHN WOULD NOT ELABORATE, FROM HIS PREVIOUS REMARKS WE GATHER THAT FINANCIAL AID FOR THE UNIFIED PARTY MAY BE CONSIDERED. KURBJUHN EMPHASIZED THAT THE VISIT IS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SOCIAL
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DEMOCRATIC PARTY, NOT THE FRG GOVERNMENT.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY BONN CAN OBTAIN
REGARDING ZACHARIADES' VISIT. PLEASE PROTECT KURBUHN AS SOURCE
OF THIS REPORT.
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